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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1762"

Docket No. 240029US3 DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuji MATSUYAMA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/886,213

RCE FILED: October 27, 2003

FOR: HEAT TREATMENT METHOD, HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS AND TREATMENT SYSTEM

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116** in the above-identified application.

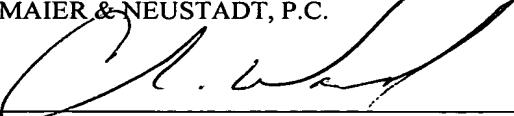
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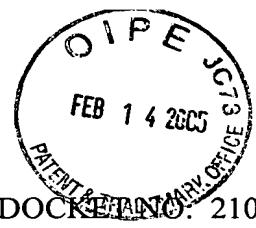

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In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.